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For: OIL COMPOSITION

Group Art Unit: 1614

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement w/Marked-up Copy

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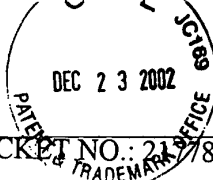
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated November 22, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 6-25, 34 and 35, for further prosecution. In addition, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

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49. (Amended) A salad dressing comprising:
- a) wine vinegar; and
 - b) the oil composition of Claim 6.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 6-25, 34 and 35, drawn to an oil composition;